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HOW RHODES SCHOLARS SEE ENGLISH ATHLETICS.

Among the messages from Oxford that are flowing back to this country from the American Rhodes scholars those touching on the English University's athletic life are filled with a new wonder at, and half-expressed admiration of, a system that gets every sound-limbed man in college into some game. W. L. Sperry, writing to a Boston paper says "It is interesting to those hardened by long experience to the exclusiveness of the fraternity and athletic circles so characteristic of our American universities to find that the Oxford spirit, on the whole, is inclusive. A constant stream of captives and secretaries pour through the freshman's rooms during the opening days of the term, and he is urged to play hockey, cricket, 'Rugger,' and 'Socket,' to enter the track events, to join a debating club, a church society, a musical organization, or the Oxford Union." An Indiana representative describes the prevalence of sports in the colleges: "From one till four o'clock in the afternoon the colleges are deserted, while the whole body of five thousand students may be seen in various athletic parks and on the river."

Drafted into a football game, the American from Indiana was surprised to find that there were no spectators, no grandstands, no frenzied "rooting." His first thought was that these people have no college loyalty or interest in athletics. But they are all busy trying to uphold the honor of the college in some other branch of athletics. No wonder the Americans are astonished; the contrast with our own college methods is, indeed, striking.

STUDENTS AND Y. M. C. A., REFUNDED MONEY BY CARNEGIE.

Oberlin students who lost their money in the operations of Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, have been reimbursed by Andrew Carnegie.

Fifteen thousand dollars was received from Carnegie in a letter sent to President King of Oberlin college. Of this amount \$9,

000 has been distributed among the college students and the remainder among the poorer residents of the town who had their savings deposited in the wrecked bank.

More money will be sent by the great philanthropist as soon as further statistics of losses can be compiled. The Young Men's Christian Association which had \$3,000 deposited in the bank for the purpose of erecting a new dormitory will be presented with a check covering the entire amount.

As soon as Mr. Carnegie's attention was called to the fact that the unfortunate forgery of his name had caused untold hardship among the students he expressed himself as willing to come to the rescue. Many students would have been compelled to leave college if he had not done so

MEMORIAL BUILDING FOR CAMPUS.

The State Historical Society of Missouri has prepared a bill to submit to the present legislature asking the setting aside of a National Government Refund amounting to \$475,000 for the purpose of building on the campus of the University a fireproof Missouri Soldiers' Memorial in the shape of a building to be used jointly by the Society and by the University for library and museum purposes. H. E. Robinson, of Maryville, president of the society, is now at Jefferson City working hard for the passage of the bill.

This would be a great boon for the University. The University would be the Mecca for Civil War sympathizers on both sides and the library and museum would be accessible to the students.

HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE.

Last week Professor Mumford of the Agricultural Department distributed slips among the students of the short course asking them to briefly tell why they came to the University to take Agriculture. Old students, teachers, newspapers and parents received due credit, but one fellow had received higher inspiration. He wrote in reply: "My girl told me I ought, and I came."

JUDGE ROBERTS IN JEFFERSON CITY.

Judge Roberts was in Jefferson City Tuesday and Wednesday in the interest of the bar examination bill. Judge Roberts, who represents the committee of the State Bar Association, is the author of the bill and he was requested by the judiciary committees of the house and senate to appear before them and explain and support the bill. There is no organized opposition to the bill and the members of the legislature seem favorable to the measure. Judge Roberts made a clear and forcible argument in favor of the bill and corrected some erroneous impressions as to the nature and effect of the proposed measure. Judge Roberts stayed in Jefferson City more than Governor Folk's allotted thirty hours and he did not report to the governor and still he was not ordered out of town by Governor Folk.

On Tuesday a citizens' mass meeting was held at which it was decided to invite the legislature and state officials to visit Columbia and inspect the University. Committees were appointed to take charge of the matter and the legislature will be here some time about February 4th.

A DEBATING MAGAZINE.

This week a new college publication made its appearance in the field. This is the magazine published by the Harvard Debating Council, entitled "Bothsides." The paper is a monthly devoted to the interests of college debating and aims to be broad enough to secure the support of every debating society in America. It will contain accounts and criticisms of inter-collegiate debates, and general articles on debating. It will report interesting debates giving preference of course to those schools which give the magazine the most support. Yale, Princeton, and other schools have agreed to support the magazine. The following are the contents of the first number. "The Debating Method," "Review of Yale-Princeton Debate on American Empire," "The Fifteenth Amendment Debated by Pennsylvania and Virginia," and "Analysis and Argument of Timely Questions."

VALENTINE ABT

THE PADEREWSKI OF THE MANDOLIN AND HARP

UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM, FEBRUARY 8th.

Reserved seats at the Co-Op, 10:30 a. m. FEBRUARY 1st. Price 50 Cents